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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Charles R. BURNETT

Serial No. 09/559,165

Group Art Unit: 2643

Confirmation No. 1603

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Examiner: Rexford N. BARNIE

For: UNIVERSAL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING SIGNALS WITH
TELEPHONY NETWORKS

COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Notice of Allowability included an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereafter, the "Statement").

Please note that MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

It is respectfully submitted that the Statement inappropriately paraphrases claim language and inappropriately groups claims together. More specifically, the Statement refers to "the feature of '...the selected set of impedance control values to be combined with data that is to be transmitted from said interface port to a remote communication device ...' as substantially recited in independent claims 1, 7, 11 and 15...". It is respectfully submitted that this portion of the Statement inappropriately paraphrases claim language and inappropriately groups claims together. For example, claim 1 does not recite the specific language referred to in the Statement.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that each claim speaks for itself and should not be interpreted based on any paraphrasing or grouping of the claims in the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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